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Revaluation to be Discussed at C. of C. Meetings

Twenty-nine members and 11 guests attended the meeting of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce at the American Legion Home Tuesday evening. There was a discussion of the problem of charitable contributions and it was voted to appoint a committee to study the possibility of a Community Chest. The committee named is Wilbur Myers, John Trivard and Kimball Ames. John Carter reported on a talk with the chief warden concerning fishing at Songo Pond. It was voted that the secretary write to the legislative research committee favoring the continuation of the senatorial election. It was voted to have a discussion about revaluation of the town at a future meeting.

Ticket committee for the May meeting will be Charles Heino; program committee, Howard Cole and Earl Davis. Mr. Dwyer, a member of the Edward Little High School faculty, showed pictures and told of his canoe trip in the Allagash region.

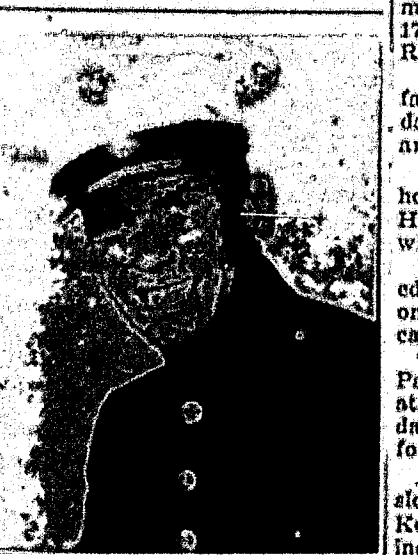
BOYKER SPEAKS BEFORE WILTON LIONS CLUB

Henry W. Boyker was guest speaker at a meeting of the Wilton Lions Club March 9. Speaking on Americanism versus Communism, he said in part:

Americanism: We want our original form of Government the principles of which were adopted by our forefathers of long ago as they began, from Plymouth's rock, to weave the fabric of American freedom. A Government that will stand though men may come and men may go. A Government based not on the whims of one man or a small group of men, but a government based on laws, on statutes, on constitutions.

Communism: The greatest threat to freedom this world has ever known. The organized enemy of our country. Communism forbids the private ownership of property, teaches atheism and violent revolution as the best way to obtain political and economic power, and to maintain that power through greed and bribery, intimidation and fear, through envy, hatred and jealousy, and by lying and misleading propaganda under the theory that the end justifies the means.

Miss Janice Lord, U. of M., is spending a week's vacation with her parents.



Pfc. Arthur L. Buckman

Marine Pfc. Arthur L. Buckman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Buckman of Bethel is attending the automotive mechanics course at Camp Lejeune, N. C. Student mechanics receive twelve weeks of instruction in the upkeep and repair of Marine Corps vehicles and the overhauling of engines.

The Week in Oxford County

Agnes Bradley, Rumford, was elected State committee-woman from Oxford County at the Bangor Republican caucus recently.

Joseph Dion, a woodman, is a resident in Rumford Community Hospital a reported victim of assault and robbery. His condition was fair on Wednesday. Officials stated he was beaten and thrown from an automobile near Bryant Pond. Two alleged assailants, Richard Harding of Fryeburg and Robert Day of Brownfield, are being held for arraignment.

Peter M. MacDonald, Democrat, Rumford, filed nomination papers for ballot listing for state representative in the June primaries.

Carroll Demeritt, former Rumford police chief, received commutation of a six months jail sentence for drunken driving and was released. He will remain on probation for one year under the supervision of the State Parole Board.

Norman Block of South Paris high school won a \$100 scholarship in the State Science Fair and Congress at the University of Maine Saturday. Block took first in the physics class.

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

The assessors are now busy taking the annual inventory of property. They have taken the office directly over the Casco Bank for their work. This office will also be used by the Industrial Accident Commission, welfare workers and for their visits.

In attempting to familiarize myself with some of the many miles of roads in town Mr. York and myself traveled around town some, one of the roads was quite a long slide road little used in winter, in spite of this we found the roads in very good condition for this time of year.

We are receiving quite a few requests for employment, do any of you people have any available employment at this time if so please call 69. It will help us all.

It was a pleasure to attend the Tuesday night meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. I was very pleased to see so many men interested in the future welfare of Bethel.

Samuel Smith is trying to interest others in a clean-up campaign a little later. We hope this will meet the approval of all Bethel citizens.

The back room of the Manager's Office is being renovated to give us a place for a little more private consideration of those problems that arrive from time to time.

O. T. R.

IN AND ABOUT BETHEL

Mrs. Robert Carter, Scott and Ruth, are spending the week in Boston.

Henry Robertson has been confined for the past week to his home with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Davis and family moved Sunday to "Amestead" on Main Street.

The MEC will meet Monday evening at 6:30 for a pot luck supper at the home of Mrs. Jane Kneeland.

Mrs. George Greenleaf of Norway is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Trivard, and family.

Roland Glines entered the CMG hospital on Wednesday, where he will have an operation on his arm on Friday.

Mrs. James Brown is with her mother, Mrs. Allan Brooks, at Pownal. Mr. Brooks is at the CMG hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Clark and Miss Addie Flint were in Farmington on Sunday, calling on relatives and friends.

The Bethel Evening Extension Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, will be postponed until further notice.

The Methodist Couples Club will meet a week from Saturday, April 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keniston.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swan and family of East Bethel were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed.

Mrs. Scott Robertson returned home Wednesday from Conway, N. H. where she has spent four weeks with her sister, Mrs. Jennie Noyes.

Mrs. Imogene Kimball was honored at a surprise birthday party on Tuesday by friends. Birthday cake and ice cream were enjoyed.

The eighth grade of Crescent Park School is having a food sale at the Methodist Church on Friday, April 16, to help raise funds for graduation.

Among those confined with measles are Caroline Wilcox and Carol Keoske. Those ill with mumps include: Florence Osgood, Wayne Perry, and Alan Curtis.

Mrs. Harold Rolfe and children, Maryvonne and Phillippe, are leaving today (Thursday) for Norway, Conn., to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morrill and family. On Saturday they will go to New York and leave on the "United States" for LeHavre, France, where they will visit, her parents.

Harold C. Perham, Oxford County Republican committeeman's resolution condemning "McCarthyism" failed to reach the floor of the GOP convention in Bangor last Friday.

Canton held a special town meeting Tuesday to decide on the repairs to the State road from Herdendale to Peru. It was agreed to use \$300 from the excise tax for this purpose. A committee was appointed to seek new industry for the town.

Bruce Robert Dow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Dow, Norway, has been named valedictorian of the class of 1954, Norway high school. The salutatorian is Kenneth Olla Allard of Otisfield.

Harold C. Perham of West Paris was guest speaker for the Massachusetts Association of Universalists Men at their organizational meeting Tuesday evening at the First Parish Church of Malden.

GOULD ACADEMY HONOR ROLL FOR THIRD PERIOD

The Gould Academy Honor Roll for the third nine weeks period is announced today as follows:

Seniors, Honors—Frank Flint 3, Paul Fossett 3, Carroll Melville 2, Gail Waldron. **Certificates**—Donna Anderson 3, Joan Connor 3, Helen Holt 3, Janet Korhonen 2, Bartley Larrow 1, Marlene Marshall 3.

Juniors, Honors—Lee Carroll 1, Barbara Hubert 3, Shirley Mason 2. **Certificates**—Patricia Allen 2, Mary Bennett 3, Wendell Bragg 1, William Daley 3, Mary Goodloe 3, Nesta Gordon 2, Nancy Harmon 1, Cuckney Mead 2, Iva Rugg 2, Jane Smith 1, Carter Taylor 3, Dianne Watson 1.

Sophomores, Honors—Carolyn Chadbourne 2, Judith Freeman 1, Valerie Kelch 3, Elinor Merriam 2. **Certificates**—Sandra Myers 3, Alice Rolfe 1, Barbara Schaefer 3, Harriet Stevens 3, David Willard 3. **Certificates**—Linwood Andrews 3, Frank Benson 2, Martha Dinkard 3, Ann Dorey 3, Jeanne Gallagher 2, Ann Hastings 2, Patricia Irving 3, Martha Myers 3, Margaret Rolfe 2, Gary Smith 1, Cleta Waldron 1.

Freshmen, Honors—Nancy Bates 1, Nancy Corkum 2, Fred Feltner 3, Carla Grover 3, Deanna Rugg 2, James Swan 3, Ronald Willard 3. **Certificates**—William Anderson 2, Suzanne Andrews 2, Donna Bartlett 1, Myrna Blake 3, June Burris 2, David Fox 3, Painter Howe 3, Walter Kittredge 3, Barbara Leach 3, Lorraine Leighton 3, James Murphy 3, Russell Patterson 2, Jack Reid 3, Jeannine Rolfe 1, Elizabeth Stevens 2, David Worcester 3.

BETHEL LIBRARY NEWS

New Books:

Light Fiction: *Sixpence in Her Shoe*, Mary Howard; *Pretty Feet*, Betty Blockinger; *Love on the Run*, Virginia Beck; *Boothill Court*, Lew Smith.

Fiction: *Bless This House*, Norah Lotfi; *The Spare Room*, Nella Gardner White; *Tomorrow*, Philo Wylie; *Rainbow on the Road*, Esther Forbes (2nd copy).

Non-Fiction: *My Heart Lies South*, Elizabeth Borton de Treviño; *Sillimeadow and Sugarbridge*, Gladys Taber and Barbara Webster; *The Greatest Faith Ever Known*, Fulton Oursler and April O. Armstrong; *Mary Lincoln*, Biography of a Marriage, Ruth Platter Randall.

Juvenile: *Tommy and Julie*, James S. Wallerstein; *Stories of Jesus*, Ethel L. Smith.

Note the exhibit of excellent bird notebooks by following students in Miss Varner's room (sixth grade): Judith Harrington, Donna Smith, Carolyn Reynolds, Mary Joyce Head, Crystal Witter, Dorothy Kimball, Kent Taylor, Gloria Kneeland, Susan Saunders, Kenneth Pease, Douglas Rice.

We have a very fine Hammond map of New England donated by Mrs. Chaele Saunders.

Mrs. Charles Reed was in Bangor Thursday through Saturday, where she attended the funeral of her uncle, Charles B. Condit.

On Thursday, April 1, Miss Sylvia Dyke entertained a group of friends at her home. Those invited were Phyllis Chadbourne, Slavka Maldanatz, Gail Brooks, Marie Mills and Henrietta Swain.

Miss Laura Wilson of the U. of M. spent the week end in Bangor and arrived home on Monday to spend a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Wilson.

Trafton Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Foster, was taken to a Portland hospital Wednesday for X-rays and observation for injuries suffered when he was struck by a car on Main Street.

The Ladies Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Harry Swift at Locke Mills April 15. The co-hostesses are Mrs. Mary Ladd and Mrs. Robert Nichols. This will be a work meeting for the Summer Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gibbs and family accompanied Mrs. Flora Anderson to Hebron Sunday, where she will spend a few days visiting Mrs. Laura McIntosh.

Pvt. Raymond York of Paratroopers, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Miss Evelyn Clark of Winter Harbor were married on Monday, April 5, at Winter Harbor. Mr. and Mrs. Robert York of Bethel attended.

Pvt. York leaves tonight (Thursday) for Fort Knox, Ky., where he will study Advanced Infantry Training. Mrs. York will remain at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert York for a time.

Bethel Methodist Sunday School Workers met Monday evening at the Church parlor. Plans were made for Family Week to be held May 2-9. This will include Services for Children by the Pastor May 2 and Family Supper at the Church May 7. 350 was made at the food sale to be used in sending children to Summer Camp. Superintendent reported on the Union Service to be conducted on Good Friday. A film strip, "The Growing Teacher," concluded the meeting.

Farm-Home Week Closes at Orono Tonight

The 47th annual Farm and Home Week at the University of Maine comes to a close tonight with a banquet and old fashioned dance.

This traditional climax to a busy week for Farm and Home Week guests will be highlighted by a delicious meal served by a capable crew under the direction of William C. Wells, Manager of Dormitories at the University of Maine.

Leading old favorite songs during and after the meal will be Congressman Clifford G. McIntire, of Perham.

Speakers of the evening following the banquet will include an address by Governor Burton M. Cross, greetings by Dr. Arthur A. Hanch, President of the University of Maine, and an address entitled "My America," by Dr. H. Claude Hardy, of Orono, N. Y., Director of Public Relations at Hartwick College. Dr. Hardy has the enviable reputation for having humor and eloquence as he presents inspiring messages on education and civic responsibility topics.

Dean Arthur L. Deering of the College of Agriculture will serve as toastmaster for the evening.

Rodney Linnell, of Peru, Maine, well known caller of square dances, will do the calling at the old fashioned dance following the banquet.

This dance will be started with a huge grand march in which nearly all guests at the banquet will take part.

Friday morning, remaining guests at Farm and Home Week will leave by car from the University of Maine for their homes in all parts of the state.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Happenings That Affect the Future of Every Individual — National and International Problems Inseparable From Local Welfare

It has long been a Communist hope that the capitalist nations, most particularly the United States, would be ravaged from within by economic upheavals and the resulting social unrest.

Now evidence is appearing that the shoe may be on the other foot — and that the Soviet Union and her satellites are facing very serious internal problems of an economic and social nature.

In a speech made in mid-March, Director Harold E. Stassen of the Foreign Operations Administration said: "There are increasing reports indicating real economic trouble inside the Iron Curtain. They have taken millions of their people and placed them at substandard conditions under veritable slave labor. They have pulled down these groups while they make a tremendous effort to make some improvement in living conditions of a minority. That very process is starting to show very real strains and cracks and stresses." Now U. S. News and World Report has featured an article, based on reports from Bonn, London and Washington, which sums up the available evidence.

The article bears the unequivocal title, "Depression Hits Communist Empire." It observes, "People throughout the Communist empire are ill-nourished, ill-clad, ill-housed. Prosperity is obviously not to be found anywhere within the Communist realm."

This, in the magazine's view, is largely the consequence of a breakdown in planning. Communism has gone about to develop heavy industry, and has neglected consumer goods. And the upshot, says U. S. News, is "ruined fields, short crops, shortages of food, clothing and housing; famine and general misery. Workers, underfed and without promise of reward, have little incentive to produce."

Some figures tell a revealing story in themselves. Since 1918, before the revolution, Russia's human population has increased 41 per cent, but her livestock population, which is an excellent barometer of the food situation, has actually declined by three per cent. Since 1937, Russian industrial production has more than doubled, a considerable achievement. But the consumer's share has gone down and down — where it amounted to 42 per cent of the total in 1937, it was but 28 per cent last year.

If the U. S. News survey is correct, the economic blight is intense everywhere — in Poland, Hungary, Rumania, and in Czechoslovakia which, prior to communism, was self-sufficient in food and also was a highly advanced and prosperous industrial power.

Czech coal production, a vital element, has gone to pot, primarily because of the poor food and housing allowed the miners. Strong efforts have been made to bring production up, but it seems to be a case where even Communist methods can't get blood out of a turnip.

ROBERT M. LORD

Robert M. Lord died Tuesday at the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, where he had been a patient one day.

He was born at Rumford Corner April 24, 1887, the son of John and Nettie Stevenson Lord. He had been employed at Riverside Farms the past eight and a half years and previously worked in Lord's Garage.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Bennett Lord; two sons, Pvt. Laurence Lord, Fort Eustis, Va., and Robert, Bethel; a daughter, Linda, and a brother, Lawrence, both of Bethel; two nieces, two nephews, and an uncle.

Funeral services will be held at the Greenleaf funeral home at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, the Rev. Charles Pendleton officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

COMMITTEE FOR BETHEL BAZAAR TO MEET APRIL 16

Friday, April 16, is the date of the Spring planning meeting for this year's Bazaar. Last fall this meeting was scheduled to be held on April 2 but because of conflicting dates the date was changed.

All organizations and groups are requested to be represented at the meeting on April 16 at the American Legion Home, at 7:30 p. m.

WMFA TO MEET AT WEST BETHEL MONDAY EVENING

The Western Maine Firemen's Association will meet at West Bethel Grange Hall on Monday evening, April 12. A pot roast supper will be served from 6:30 to 8:00.

George Adams of Providence, R. I., will speak on the Emerson Russellator, and other kinds of breathing apparatus and will give demonstrations.

FIVE TOWN TEACHERS MET MONDAY

About 25 members of the Five Town Teachers Club met at the Crescent Park School Monday evening. It was voted to donate to the Harland Ladd Scholarship Fund at the University of Maine and to help defray expenses of a local girl at State. The program included musical numbers by eighth grade pupils accompanied by Charles Chapman. An interesting talk was given by James P. Nolan of the Oxford Paper Company's training department who told of the company's work.

Refreshments were served by the committee. Olive Lurvey, Ethel Blaboe, Frances Gunther, and Thelma Van Den Kerkhofen. Committee for the next meeting on May 3 will be Floribel Haines, Bernice Noyes, Ruth King and Frances Fogg.

MAINE FISH & GAME ASSN. MET AT BANGOR, APRIL 4

There was a very interesting meeting of the Maine Fish and Game Association held in the banquet room at the Pilot's Grill at Bangor on April 4.

The Maine Fish and Game Association is made up of several of the small Fish and Game Clubs all over the state, which send delegates representing their club to this meeting. There are about 54 clubs in the state and it stands for conservation of our fast disappearing wildlife and for pollution control for clean waters for our State.

President Lew Colony of Hallowell called the meeting to order at 10:30, with all of the counties represented except Aroostook.

There were about 60 present, including delegates and members, and they spoke on the progress that has been made on the anti-pollution program and urged everyone in the state to get behind this thing and put it through, as it is very essential from the standpoint of health as well as conservation.

Mr. Colony reported that Maine was the only state in New England including New York, that had not as yet belonged to the Federation for Clean Waters.

Mr. Colony appointed the following committee to handle the Association's general legislative campaign: James Carr of Richmond, Clarence Roth of Litchfield; Arthur Bucknell of Denmark; John Turner of Anthrop; Thomas Briggs of Waldo.

The members of Mr. Abram Fish and Game Association attending this meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Bennett, Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Ford, Locke Mills; Herman Bennett, West Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cole, Gilead.

Harold F. Bennett

hip. In China, there are famine conditions. Famine is nothing new to that vast land, but the Reds had promised to prevent it.

It is significant that top Russian officials, from Malenkov down, in speeches made for internal consumption, are promising all kinds of improvements in the living standards of the masses. Soon, they say, there will be more food, more and better goods of all kinds, more medical services, and so on. They are appealing to the people's loyalty and patriotism. This, in itself, certainly shows that there are grave troubles back of the Curtain.

Name Harriman Architect for School Addition

The Bethel School Building Committee on April 1st elected Paul Thurston as chairman and John Harrington as vice chairman. At the second meeting on April 3rd, Alonzo Harriman, Inc., was chosen as the architect for planning and supervising the construction of the two room addition. This addition will be built on the north end of the present building and will have the same detail of construction.

It is expected that the contractors will have bids in by the middle of May.

BETHEL GIRL PRESIDENT OF MAINE CHRISTIAN ASSN.

AT U. OF M.

Miss Laura M. Wilson of Bethel was elected president of the Maine Christian Association at the University of Maine on Wednesday, March 31. She won the general election over the other nominee, Henry Colby, of Rumford Center, in a close race.

The Maine Christian Association is the interdenominational Christian student organization on the campus, with a membership of 383. It conducts Sunday morning church services in the Little Theater, and carries on a full program of other activities. Its director is Rev. Elwin L. Wilson, formerly of Bethel, and uncle of Miss Wilson.

Miss Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evans I. Wilson of Bethel and graduated from Gould Academy in 1951 with high honors. She is in the class of 1955 at the University of Maine and received a four point average (all As) last semester. She is majoring in history and preparing to teach after graduation.

In the Maine Christian Association she will have an executive committee composed of Judith W. Barker, '56, of Walpole, Mass., Vice President; Ruth E. Dow, '55, of Orono, Secretary; and Richard C. Bangs, '56, of Ithaca, N. Y., Treasurer, who were also elected on March 31. She was Secretary for the past year.

MRS. ROLFE HONOR GUEST AT PARTY MONDAY EVENING

Mrs. Philip Chadbourne entertained at her home Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Harold Rolfe, who with her children, Maryvonne and Phillippe, will sail Saturday from New York City on the liner "United States" for Havre, France. Mrs. Rolfe will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Phillippe in Rouen, France, during the summer.

An evening of games was enjoyed and the honor guest was presented a purse of money. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, tea and coffee were served. Those present were Mrs. Kimball Ames, Mrs. George Taylor, Mrs. Robert Grover, Mrs. Myron Morrill, Mrs. Elgin Tibbets, Mrs. Henry Hastings, Mrs. Leland Mason, Mrs. Guy Morrill, Mrs. Alfred Morrill, Mrs. Harold Young, Miss Phyllis Dragonas, Mrs. Russell Graham, Miss Nita Hale, Mrs. Nelson Rolfe, Mrs. Marshall Rolfe, Mrs. Dana Brooks, Mrs. Charles Eypner, Mrs. Howard Cole, Mrs. Dana Douglass Jr., Mrs. Herbert Morton Jr., Mrs. Franklin Chapman, Mrs. Herbert Rowe, Mrs. Vance Richardson, and Mrs. Chadbourne.

BROOKS - WHEELER ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brooks announce the engagement of their daughter, Gail Ann, to Lynwood Wheeler, both of Bethel. Miss Brooks graduated from Gould Academy in 1953. Mr. Wheeler served 15 years in World War II. He graduated from Northeastern Business College. A early spring wedding is planned.

Eighth Grade Food Sale

METHODIST CHURCH

Friday, April 16th

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10 o'clock A. M.

DANCE

Nevery Corner Grange Hall—

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Fancy and Square Dances

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WORTH REPEATING

"If the United States government had never caused little pigs to be killed, potatoes to be destroyed, or cotton to be plowed under, and if it were not now withholding large quantities of farm products from the market in order to support prices, our people could accuse their South American neighbors of price-raising practices with less absurdity and grace."—Quincy Tamm.

"Taxpayers should think in these days of heavy taxpaying on how the tax dollars are wasted; unnecessary county government, needless taxation for operation of county political pensioners, and needless county and state expenditures as well as on the national scale, and some local government should be checked."—Blidford (Maine) Journal.

"More than sixty million Americans are gainfully employed today, which is considerably more than one wage-earner per family unit. In the light of this figure, fingers of the blues should be laid there seldom had it so good."—Cottrellville (Conn.) Farmington Valley Herald.

"In a system of free enterprise a man must be able to exercise the right to do business where he chooses. If this right is limited, free enterprise is morally wounded."—Haverhill (Mass.) Gazette.

"This is a country where a man could earn a dollar and keep it until the Constitution was amended. In 1913 to make everyone's income pay to the politicians, with no limit to their capacity."—Bangor (Maine) News.

SONGO POND

—Mrs. Ralph Kimball, Corres.—
Donald and Roberta Ryder returned Thursday night after visiting their parents in Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stearns of Rumford Point were callers at Hatch Kimball's Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lapham and wife spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. William Kimball at Bethel Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bates and son, David, of Manchester, N. H., were callers at George Logan's Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Clement and Carlene, and Mrs. Hazel Cash spent a few days recently visiting relatives in New York.

SUNDAY RIVER

—Mrs. R. M. Fleet, Corres.—
The Sunday River fishermen went to rehearse for a possible late season of their work at Lee Carr's Sunday. David Fleet had to take his car to Conner's Garage for repairs on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Hunsell and family were in Waterville Sunday. Michael Bates appeared to have

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ALBANY HUNT'S CORNER AND VICINITY

—Mrs. Harlan Bumpus, Corres.—

About thirty attended the Fellowship supper held at the church Saturday evening. The Mountaineers held their weekly meeting in the church after supper. Nearly \$45.00 was cleared from the dance held at the Grange Hall Saturday night for the benefit of the Mountaineers. Another dance will be held this Saturday night, April 10, same time and place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andrews and son, Linwood, and Wayne, and Mrs. Shirley Corbett and son, Jimmy, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horney, at North Waterford, in observance of Mr. Horney's birthday.

Mrs. Olive Spilney baby-sat with Andy and Mike Inman Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eadon Keniston and daughter, Lona, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dyer and family were Sunday dinner guests at Courdon Scribner's at Bolster's Mills.

Carlton Rugg and Kenneth Bumpus visited Linwood Andrews on Wednesday evening.

Ben Inman was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inman and family.

Ray Lapham spent Friday evening for a few days in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker of Bethel spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inman and family.

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EAST BETHEL

—Mrs. David S. Foster, Corres.—

Alder River Grange No. 145 held a regular meeting on April 2 with Worthy Overseer Richard Stevens in the chair. The Worthy Lecturer announced that Ray Stetson of Portland would be guest speaker on May 7, speaking on "How to Make Maine a Better State in Which to Live." The Lecturer's program was as follows: Famous Fights in American History; Scam-ble-Double-Double; Scrambled words quiz. After the meeting every adjourned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leila Noyes for refreshments and television.

At the card party sponsored by Alder River Grange, April 3, a sum of \$47.75 was raised for the Cancer Fund. Prizes were won by the following: High, Mrs. Magie Newton, low, Grace Taylor, while, Bert St. Pierre, low, Freddie Haines.

Mrs. Gladys Tyler has been ill at her home. At last reports she was feeling a little better. Mrs. Eva St. Pierre is working there.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Grant of Winterville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leila A. Noyes.

Mrs. Betty Berry and Clayton Swan of Dixfield were Sunday

guests of Mrs. Ida Blake. Mr. Swan left Monday for induction into the service.

Mrs. Mary Hastings, Warren Hastings and Edward Hastings were home for a week's vacation from their studies at college.

Mrs. Florence Hastings visited Mrs. Doris Henry in Augusta last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kimball have returned to Lewiston after spending a week at their farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Coffin and Little Jeanne of South Paris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Newton this week end.

Mrs. Grace Smith visited friends in Jefferson, N. H., Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Abbott of North Woodstock were Sunday guests of Mrs. Nannette Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. James Browne and children of Bethel, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McKenna of Riddville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Swan recently.

Mrs. Sadie Traynor and Chester Rand of Rumford and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thorne and Charles Howard of Highland Terrace were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Curtis over the week end.

Forest Merrill entered the Central Maine General Hospital for an operation on Monday.

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SKILLINGTON

—Mrs. Ola Tift, Corres.—

Mrs. Stella Trimback and Judy were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Young last Sunday.

Mrs. Henrietta Swain was home from Bates College over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tift were in Berlin, Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Pelkey, Miss Irene Landery and Robert Morin of Berlin were at John Wright's Thursday evening.

Mrs. Pauline Bellanger and Clifton Lyons of Rumford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tift on Sunday.

Miss Barbara Cole was home from Rumford for the week end.

Mrs. Herbert Tift was in Norway Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Young of Locke Mills called at Robert Buick's Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Clayton Blake and daughter were in Berlin, Saturday.

Mrs. Florida Baker was in Berlin, Saturday.

Miss Myrna Blake spent Friday night with Jean Lovojoy at West Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown called on Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Cummings, June Penfold and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Bachelder, Monday, March 22nd.

Among the recent callers at Ernest Brown's were Ervin Lord, Don Brown, Ray Andrews and two sons, Charles Learned, Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Rugg and grandson, and Alfred Littlefield.

Mrs. Alfred Littlefield returned from the hospital Saturday and with her family are stopping with her parents at the "Win" McAllistera for a while.

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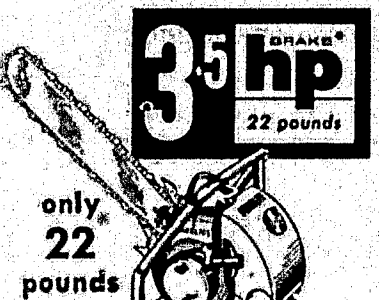
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BRYANT POND

Mrs. Edith C. Abbott, Cor.

OES Installation

The officers of Jefferson Chapter, No. 89, OES, were installed at a semi-public ceremony Friday night at Masonic Hall. A 6:30 supper preceded the meeting, in charge of the following committee: Mrs. Sadie Lakeway, Mrs. Hazel Newell and Mrs. Florence Bean. The installing officer was Mrs. Madeleine Jacobs, Past Matron of Granite Chapter, West Paris, assisted by PM Barbara Hathaway as Marshal; PM Edith Abbott as Chaplain; Mrs Dorothy Childs and Mrs. Lola Ellingwood, as Organist and Sololist.

The following officers were installed: Worthy Matron, Elsie Bennett; Worthy Patron, Donald Bennett; Associate Matron, Edith B. Hathaway; Associate Patron, Eldon Hathaway; Secretary, Ida Farnum; Treasurer, Addelyn Mann; Conductress, Ruby Ring; Associate Conductress, Virginia Mills; Chaplain, Annie Bryant; Marshal, Hazel Adams; Bertha Glanders; Ruth Grace Day; Esther, Arlene Mackillop; Martha, Bertha Davis; Warder, Edith Littlefield; Sentinel, Howard Jenkins.

The Organist, Junilia Allen, and Electa, Elizabeth Whitman, were unable to be present. The Worthy Matron received a bouquet of roses from her husband and an OES bible from members of her family. She presented gifts to her installing staff, and the retiring W.M., Hazel Newell, received her Past Matron's jewel. Guests were presented from Granite Chapter, West Paris, Purdy Chapter, Bethel, and from Pawtucket, R. I. The next regular meeting will be held Friday night, April 16. The Star Birth-day Club will meet at Locke Mills Town Hall, Wednesday evening, April 14.

The regular meeting of Franklin Grange was held at their Hall, Saturday night. Readings were given by Mrs. Lettie Brooks and Miss Charlotte Cole and a quiz contest presented.

Miss Helen Johnson, Rockland, was the week end guest of Mrs. Fred M. Cole.

Harry Allanach, Canton, is working at Newell's TGA Store. He will move his family into one of the Andrews' houses at South Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Volney Lakeway, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Farrington, will go to East Greenwich, R. I., Friday to spend the week end with Shirl Lakeway and friends. Those attending Farm and Home Week at the University of Maine, Orono, this week, include Mrs. Cleo Billings, Mrs. Esther Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. LaForest Twilchell, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mills and Mrs. Edith Abbott.

Universalist Church: Rev. Gordon Newell, pastor; Sunday preaching service at 9:30 a. m. with special music for Palm Sunday. Church School at 10:45 a. m. Choir practice, Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Addelyn Mann.

GREENWOOD CITY

Mrs. Collista Morgan, Corres.

Mrs. Maud Cole of Portland is with her daughter, Mrs. Roland Hayes, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Montie Millett of Tubbs District were callers at Six Morgan's on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lauri Tamminen of Yarmouth were Saturday callers at her mother, Linnie Cole's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Curtis and family of Mechanic Falls were callers Sunday at Fred and Helen Curtis and Clyde Morgan's.

Roy Morgan was taken to Togus Hospital on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonas Holt were recent callers at Rena Bacon's, West Paris.

Middle Intervale Road —

Mary G. Stanley, Corres.

Curtis Winslow has a TV set.

Mrs. Willis Ward has been ill and unable to teach Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pernoski of Wales, Mass., were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Duck and family.

Mrs. Susie Capen spent Tuesday afternoon with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Fannie Carter.

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LOCKE MILLS

Mrs. Mary Mills, Corres.

Funeral services for Cpl. Osman S. Palmer who was killed in a plane crash at Fort Bragg, N. C., March 30, were held at the Locke Mills Union Church on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock with Rev. Charles Pendleton officiating. Members of the Jackson-Silver Post of the American Legion, and former servicemen attended the funeral in a body and conducted services at the cemetery. Interment was in the cemetery at Locke Mills.

Last Thursday evening Locke Mills Grammar School and the Locke Mills Town Team were defeated in basketball at the town hall by the Woodstock Grammar School and the Woodstock Town Team.

Larry Cummings is spending this week with his mother, Mrs. Fred Chamberlain at West Bridgewater, Mass., and with his sister, Mrs. Ellsworth Hathaway, at Abington, Mass.

Mrs. Katie Tamminen will speak on "Fashion Accessories" at the Community Club meeting next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Paul Adams and two daughters of North Lovell were guests of her sister, Mrs. Charles Andrews and family last week.

The Community Club is sponsoring a supper at the town hall on Friday at six o'clock for the benefit of the cemetery improvement fund.

Robert Mason has returned to the Pope Air Force Base at North Carolina after spending several days at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Ford with Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Bennett of Bethel attended the Maine State Fish and Game Meeting at the

NEWRY

Mrs. Leon Enman, Corres.

The Ladies Circle met with Mrs. Chester Chapman, Monday evening with 12 members present. Plans were discussed and committee appointed for the Mother and Daughter Banquet in May. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Daisy Morton, May 3. Mrs. Maud Brown will lead devotions. Miss Patricia Learned was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Pugliese.

Pilot's Grill at Bangor Sunday. Mrs. Edward Chase has been a patient at the CMG Hospital for several days.

Seaman Herman Cummings and friends were at his home over the week end.

Mrs. Mark Porter returned from the Rumford Hospital last Thursday, and her little daughter, Becky Lynn, arrived home on Saturday. Mrs. Annie Kimball is assisting with the work at the Porter home this week.

Mrs. Rodney Jordan and Mrs. Edwin Brown were hostesses at a Stanley brush party at the town hall on Monday evening. Mrs. Mary Paine of Bethel demonstrated.

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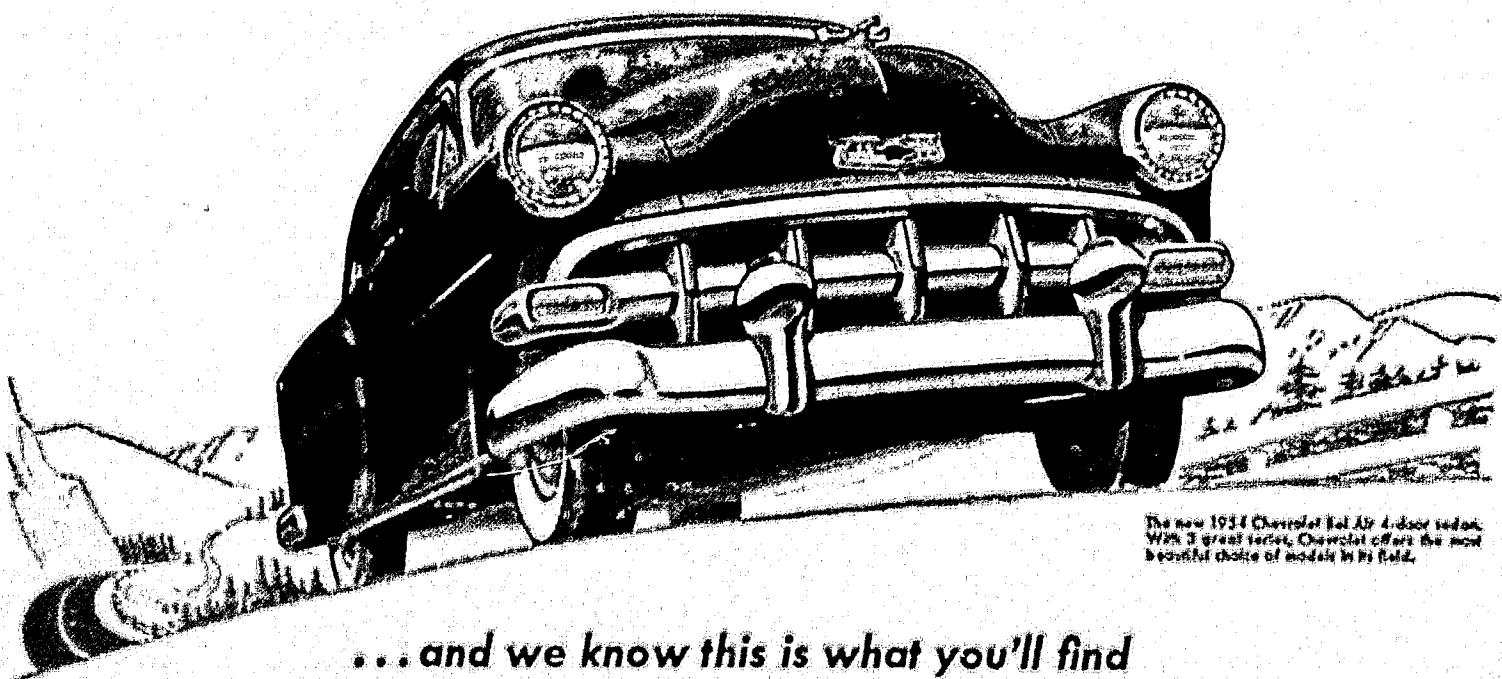
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Last week at South Portland.

Mrs. Daisy Morton has returned home after spending some time with relatives in Lewiston and Westbrook.

Miss Suzanne Wight spent some time in Derry, N. H., visiting relatives recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brooke have

a baby boy born April 4th at the Rumford Community Hospital.

Mrs. Robert Davis, Mrs. Hugh Durgin and Mrs. Leon Enman attended a Stanley party at Mrs. Earl Davis last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wight are attending Farm and Home Week at Orono this week.

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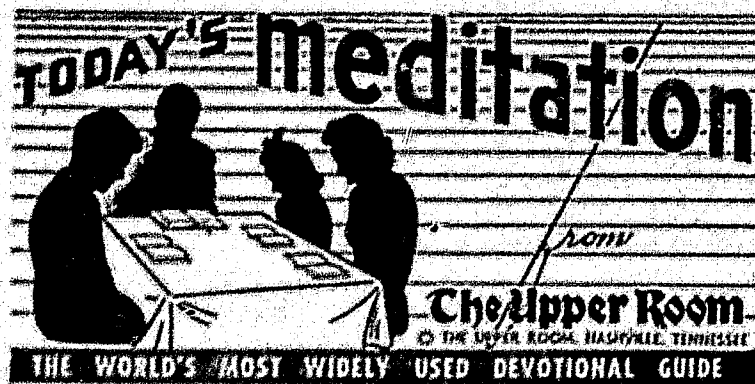
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Thursday, April 8

He is before all things, and by him all things consist. (Colossians 1:17) Read Colossians 1:17-17.

ONE day during the war in Korea someone was offering sympathy to a Korean pastor. The pastor had had to flee several times. He had lost all his possessions and three precious children. He said: "We Koreans have lost everything but our souls. So long as we have them, we shall build our nation and our lives again."

Observing the situation in war-torn Korea, a retired missionary writes: "It is great to find so many of our Christian leaders still alive and carrying on in spite of great difficulties. There has been great destruction. Many have been captured or killed. But the refining

fires of these last decades have done their work. I find much pure gold in character." Christians in the second century were spoken of as "holding the world together." It is no less true today that Christians still are doing much to hold the world together.

Prayer

Help us, O Lord, to forget ourselves and fix our faith in Thee. Help us to wake up and live in Christ and then, in His strength, do our part in holding the world together. Grant to us faith like that of the early Christians. In our blessed Saviour's name. Amen.

Thought For The Day

Being faithful in trials is the common experience of all Christians. —Helen I. Billings (Hawaii)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH
Robert A. Carter, Minister
Miss Marie Wilson, Sunday School Superintendent

Miss Dawn Christie, Organist
9:45 Church School

11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon by the Pastor.

The Elder and Congregation Guild will meet with the Congregational Guild at the Congregational Church, April 14.

Junior and Senior choirs will meet at 4:00 and 6:30 respectively at the Church on Thursday.

WEST PARK CHURCH
Charles L. Penikese, Minister

Mrs. John Tebbels, Choir Director
Frank Lee, First Organist

Services for Palm Sunday, April 11

9:30 Church School

10:00 Morning Worship. The sermon at 10:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Sermon "And He Entered Jerusalem."

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Maundat Thursday Communion Service.

Good Friday at 4:00 p.m. in the Church School of the Methodist Church and our Church will present a Good Friday worship service.

BRYANT FOND BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. G. E. Lindahl, Pastor

Sunday April 9 Senior Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday April 9 Palm Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Church School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship. Sermon at 10:45.

6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship. Father's Day. Leader

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service.

Wednesday, April 14:
7:30 p.m. Midweek Bible Study Home

Further rehearsals of the Easter choir to be announced.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Church last week completed its project in remodeling the benches in the church auditorium. Extensions were added to the backs of the two outside rows of pews—the results are excellent and we are very grateful to the Ladies Aid Society for this renovation.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
The Lesson-Hymn used in all churches of Christ, Scientist, is available to everyone who desires to study it.

You are cordially invited to attend the services of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, or the service of the branch church or society near you.

Golden Text: "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my Father." (Isaiah 63:9)

Authorized Christian Science Literature is available in the public library or may be read, borrowed or purchased at my home—Mrs. Irene H. Thompson, Vernon Street, Phone 26.

GILBEAD

Mrs. Florence Hoffer, Coroner

Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges of Portland, Maine, spent a few days last week with the estate, Mrs. John Hodges.

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A CITIZEN REMEMBERS

Living seems to be made of changes and no one will deny that change is progress. With a smile we accept the change in the management of our town. Kind wishes and high expectations are for the new regime. With a tear, and by the request of many, this contributor voices an appreciation for the faithful officers of yesterday, Senior Selectman, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and Road Commissioner, all have served well.

For twenty-six years, E. P. Brown has been our road man. By almost an unanimous vote at town meeting he has succeeded himself and his record needs no glowing. He has been a rugged service through



rigged seasons of snow and rain and blizzard and freshet and mud. Do not forget the mud. Fewer unpaved sections late years for which we are grateful.

To keep the roads in fine shape normally and open in all emergencies has been Bert's life work.

No doctor or night traveler has ever met with more than momentary delay by impassable roads wherever his errand or however high the hurricane or cloudburst

roared. Bert's weather eye has been his only one and he used it for our welfare and pleasure.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

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STATE OF MAINE

Oxford, ss.

TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT to be held at Paris, within and for said County of Oxford, on the 2nd Tuesday of June, A. D. 1954.

Respectfully Represents, Helen M. Harding resident at Bethel in the County of Oxford and State of Maine that she was lawfully married to Durward Harding of parts unknown at Gorham in the County of Coos and State of New Hampshire on the twenty-ninth day of August A. D. 1953, by . . . duly authorized to solemnize marriages therein;

That the Libellant and Libellee cohabited in this State after their said marriage;

That the Libellant resided in this state when the cause of divorce accrued as hereinafter set forth;

That the Libellant has resided in this State in good faith for one year prior to the commencement of these proceedings;

That the Libellee was a resident of this State; but now of parts unknown;

That the Libellant has ever been faithful to her marriage obligations, but that the said Libellee has been unfaithful of the same;

That there is no collusion between your Libellant and the said Libellee to obtain a divorce;

That on the fifteenth day of October A. D. 1953, said Libellee utterly deserted your Libellant without reasonable cause and has continued said desertion ever since;

That being of sufficient ability and being able to labor and provide for her, said Libellee grossly, wantonly and cruelly refuses or neglects to provide suitable maintenance for your Libellant;

That since marriage the said Libellee has been addicted to gross and confirmed habits of intoxication from the use of intoxicating liquors, opium or other drugs;

That said Libellee is, and ever since the aforesaid marriage has been impotent, and that said impotency is incurable;

That said Libellee has been guilty of extreme cruelty toward your said Libellant;

That the said Libellee has been guilty of cruel and abusive treatment toward your said Libellant;

That no children have been born to them during their said marriage.

Wherefore, your Libellant prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony between herself and the said Libellee may be decreed;

Also that reasonable alimony may be decreed to your Libellant out of the estate of the said Libellee, or, in lieu thereof, that a special sum may be paid to her by him;

And your Libellant further alleges that the residence of said Libellee is unknown to your Libellant and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence.

Dated at Bethel, Maine this twenty-ninth day of March, A. D. 1954.

Helen M. Harding Libellant
STATE OF MAINE

Oxford, ss.

Oxford, March 29th, A. D. 1954

Personally appeared Helen M. Harding above named Libellant; and made oath that the foregoing allegation as to the residence of the Libellee is true.

Before me,
Gerry Brooks
Justice of the Peace

(Seal)
STATE OF MAINE

County of Oxford, ss.

Superior Court, in Vacation
April 6, A. D. 1954

Upon the foregoing Libel, Ordered, That the Libellant give notice to the said Durward Harding to appear before the Justice of our Superior Court, to be held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of June, A. D. 1954, by publishing an attested copy of said libel, and the order thereon, three weeks successively in the Bethel Oxford County Citizen, a newspaper printed in Bethel, in our County of Oxford, the last publication to be thirty days at least prior to said second Tuesday of June, 1954, that he may there and then in our said Court appear and show cause, if any he have, why the prayer of said Libellant should not be granted.

Leonard P. Williams
Justice of the Superior Court.
A true copy of the libel and order of court thereon.

Attest:—Rupert F. Aldrich, Clerk.

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* LOW DOWN FROM *
* HICKORY GROVE *
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Just why N. Y. state with its reputation for astuteness, sophistication, up-to-dateness would at this late date be trying to jimmy itself into the kilowatt business, kinda shows maybe that it might be slipping. Across the land from Puget Sound and Oregon to Idaho and Texas and Tennessee, he who looks can see no blossoming of any new green bay trees. New York should be able to look away that far and see that nothing in those far flung places has happened—due to Govt. or municipal power—that would not have been better had private power shouldered the load. Taxes and taxes follow, at once, when socialism blocks Mr. John Citizen's initiative and enthusiasm.

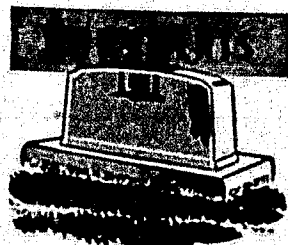
I am inclined to deduct that it is not the people of N. Y. state that are yearning for a crack at the kilowatt business. I think the clamor is due to a defect in the governor's stethoscope. What he hears is maybe discontent with his methods versus an urge to branch out. He might well get his instrument re-tuned.

There is no more reason or gumption connected with State-made-power than there is for putting the State to making cigars or nightshirts or pitch forks or smoked salmon. The 49 states have plenty to keep 'em busy without tinkering with the electric wires.

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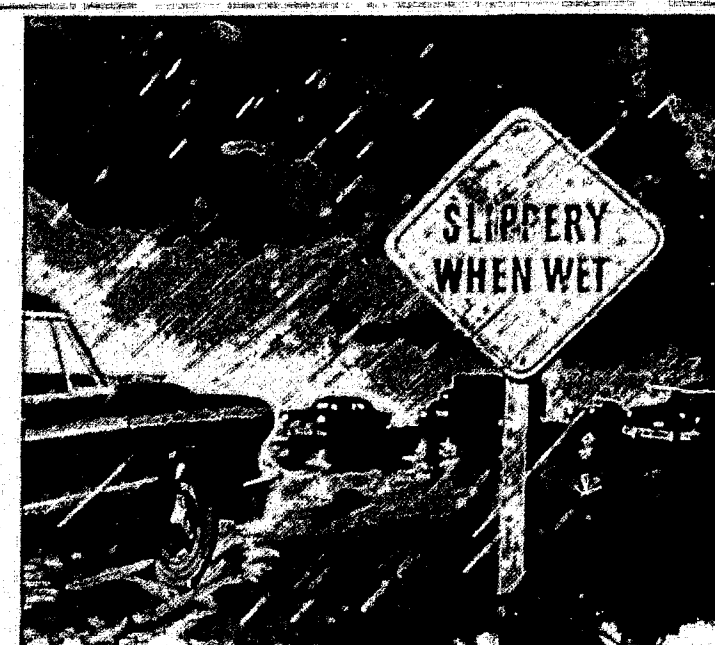


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On the 31st day of December 1953 made to the Insurance Department of the State of Maine

Assets	
Bonds	\$1,994,792.14
Stocks	589,072.49
Cash and Bank Deposits	477,202.34
Agents' Balances or Un- collected Premiums	477,308.28
Other Assets	79,012.31
Total Assets	\$3,515,307.77
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	
Reserve for Taxes	\$60,500.00
All Other Liabilities	400,578.41
Total Liabilities	\$461,078.41
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	\$1,000,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	2,094,229.36
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$3,094,229.36
1953-54 Total	\$3,515,307.77

Synopsis of the annual statement of VERMONT MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Rutland, Vermont

On the 31st day of December 1953 made to the Insurance Department of the State of Vermont

Assets	
Bonds	\$234,370.23
Stocks	49,212.00
Real Estate Owned	47,038.80
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	180,441.50
Cash and Bank Deposits	14,803.00
Other Assets	25,454.08
Total Assets	\$497,316.10
Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	
Reserve for Losses	\$95,709.70
Loss Adjustment Expenses (\$300.00)	65,583.75
Unearned Premiums	24,250.00
Taxes	3,409.21
All Other Liabilities	1,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$190,137.66
Special Surplus Funds	\$10,000.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	\$100,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	291,178.44
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$311,178.44
1953-54 Total	\$497,316.10

Synopsis of the annual statement of HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO., Hartford, Connecticut

On the 31st day of December 1953

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$1,458,811.00
Stocks	1,200,000.00
Real Estate Owned	1,000,000.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	1,000,000.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,000,000.00
Agents' Balances or Un- collected Premiums	1,000,000.00
Other Assets	1,000,000.00
Total Assets	\$10,000,000.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$1,000,000.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$1,000,000.00
Unearned Premiums	\$1,000,000.00
Taxes	\$1,000,000.00
All Other Liabilities	\$1,000,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$5,000,000.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	\$1,000,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	\$3,000,000.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$4,000,000.00
1953-54 Total	\$10,000,000.00

Synopsis of the annual statement of NORTHWESTERN FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, Minneapolis, Minnesota

On the 31st day of December, 1953

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$1,000,000.00
Stocks	1,000,000.00
Real Estate Owned	1,000,000.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	1,000,000.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,000,000.00
Agents' Balances or Un- collected Premiums	1,000,000.00
Other Assets	1,000,000.00
Total Assets	\$10,000,000.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$1,000,000.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$1,000,000.00
Unearned Premiums	\$1,000,000.00
Taxes	\$1,000,000.00
All Other Liabilities	\$1,000,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$5,000,000.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	\$1,000,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	\$3,000,000.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$4,000,000.00
1953-54 Total	\$10,000,000.00

WEST BETHEL

Mrs. Ruth Gilbert, Corres.
Mrs. Winona Thurston, Rumford Point, was honor guest at a stork dinner at the home of her mother, Mrs. Freda Korhonen, Wednesday. Games were enjoyed and refreshments were served by Mrs. Korhonen, assisted by Miss Janet Korhonen, Bethel.

Those present were Mrs. Clara Smith, Miss Jane Smith, Mrs. Lucia Smith, Mrs. Nellie Stetson, Mrs. Adeline Clough, Mrs. Ruby Davis, Mrs. Betty Gilbert, Mrs. Dorothy Graver, Mrs. Doris Walker, Mrs. Ruth Gilbert, the Misses Norma and Betty Lou Korhonen, all of West Bethel; Miss Shirley Mason, Mrs. Mary Ladd, Bethel; Mrs. Marion Ladd, Rumford Point; and Mrs. Grace Morrill, Bethel. Several sent gifts who could not attend.

Pleasant Valley Grange met Thursday night. There were 12 members and one visitor present. Degree work was practiced. It was voted to contribute \$2 to the Cancer Fund.

Cakes are to be furnished for next meeting by Mrs. Robert Gilbert, Miss Lillian Lovejoy, Mrs. George Gilbert, Mrs. Norman Hall, Mrs. Katherine Bennett, Mrs. Chester Wheeler and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Katherine Bennett and Norman Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock attended Mt. Forist Grange, Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Abbott and Mrs. Joyce Thibault were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Abbott, South Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock attended Pomona Grange at Welchville, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Walker spent the week end at Moosehead Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert were in Rumford, Saturday.

Mrs. Hazen Lowell and Miss Nancy Lowell were in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Miss Nancy Lowell, Attleboro, Mass., and Lieutenant (J. G.) Jack W. Frost, Erie, Pa., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Gilbert and Mrs. Joyce Thibault were in Rumford Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wheeler and daughter were in Waterville Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Gilbert and family were in South Portland, Sunday.

Charles Hancock and Henry V. Tibbels were in Canton and Rumford Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hall, Bethel, Sunday.

Synopsis of the annual statement of Hartford Fire Insurance Co., Hartford, Connecticut

On the 31st day of December 1953

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$1,458,811.00
Stocks	1,200,000.00
Real Estate Owned	1,000,000.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	1,000,000.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,000,000.00
Agents' Balances or Un- collected Premiums	1,000,000.00
Other Assets	1,000,000.00
Total Assets	\$10,000,000.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$1,000,000.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$1,000,000.00
Unearned Premiums	\$1,000,000.00
Taxes	\$1,000,000.00
All Other Liabilities	\$1,000,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$5,000,000.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	\$1,000,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	\$3,000,000.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$4,000,000.00
1953-54 Total	\$10,000,000.00

Synopsis of the annual statement of Northwestern Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota

On the 31st day of December, 1953

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$1,000,000.00
Stocks	1,000,000.00
Real Estate Owned	1,000,000.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	1,000,000.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,000,000.00
Agents' Balances or Un- collected Premiums	1,000,000.00
Other Assets	1,000,000.00
Total Assets	\$10,000,000.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$1,000,000.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$1,000,000.00
Unearned Premiums	\$1,000,000.00
Taxes	\$1,000,000.00
All Other Liabilities	\$1,000,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$5,000,000.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	\$1,000,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	\$3,000,000.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$4,000,000.00
1953-54 Total	\$10,000,000.00

Synopsis of the annual statement of Citizens Insurance Company of New Jersey, Hartford, Connecticut

On the 31st day of December, 1953

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$1,000,000.00
Stocks	1,000,000.00
Real Estate Owned	1,000,000.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	1,000,000.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,000,000.00
Agents' Balances or Un- collected Premiums	1,000,000.00
Other Assets	1,000,000.00
Total Assets	\$10,000,000.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$1,000,000.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	\$1,000,000.00
Unearned Premiums	\$1,000,000.00
Taxes	\$1,000,000.00
All Other Liabilities	\$1,000,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$5,000,000.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	\$1,000,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	\$3,000,000.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$4,000,000.00
1953-54 Total	\$10,000,000.00

UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Juddins, Corres.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Juddins had as Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hathaway, Bryant Pond; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Swan and family, Locke Mills; and Mr. and Mrs. John Hathaway of Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Juddins and family of Rumford were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Juddins, and called on other relatives and relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney E. Abbott and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Abbott of East Sumner were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Juddins.

Miss Phyllis Williamson was home from Norway over the week end.

Miss Edith Lombard and friend of West Bethel were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lombard.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Douglas visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson in Natick, Mass., a few days last week, bringing home with them their new television set.

The Extension Service meeting "Fashion Accessories," which had been postponed on account of Mrs. Juddins' illness, was held at the home of Mrs. Jennie Juddins last week on March 31.

Clarence Gray has finished his logging job at Pine Point and moved out. A lot of his wood is landed in Mabel Durkee's field, waiting to be hauled after the road in New Hampshire is lifted.

Small birds and crows have been here all winter. Now a meadow has appeared and other spring birds.

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Corres.

The members of the A.U.W. of the Universalist Church held a very pleasant evening at the home of Mrs. Geneva Tuell. A good attendance and fine supper made a very enjoyable Thursday of which will be reported later.

Remember the Easter morning service and breakfast at the Universalist Church. The morning service will be on the hill. The regular service for church school and worship service, Sunday, 11 a. m.

Mrs. Ralph Johnson went to the CMG Hospital Sunday, and Monday underwent surgery.

Mrs. Clara Gordon, who has been at the hospital, is improving in health at the present time.

Mrs. Sarah K. Mann who has been at the CMG Hospital for surgery, having a collar removed from each side of her throat is gaining and hopes to come home soon.

Melody Val, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Ring, who has been ill from pneumonia at the CMG Hospital is much better and has returned home.

Mrs. Clara Berry called on Mrs. H. E. Tuell recently, and other friends.

Mrs. Helen Tuell Estes and infant daughter, Glynice Helen Estes, returned from the Oxford County Hospital, Norway, and is getting along well. Her family has been exposed to the measles.

WOODSTOCK HIGH

We are planning a minstrel show for Saturday, April 10. Here is the cast of characters:

Interlocutors: Ed Mason.
End Men: Ormand Andrews, Robert Benson, Albert Cross, Richard Melons, Robert Sweetser, William Mason.

Chorus: Mary Stuart Farnum, Evelyn Bean, Shirley Crockett, Elaine Cushman, Adelaide Emery, Alicia Emery, Pearl Farrington, Eva Harlow, Leona LaValley, Louise LaValley, Sandra Martin, Oren Mason, Robert Sweetser, Doris Brooks, Charlotte Schultz, Jackie Rich, Denise Noyes, Ormand Andrews, Robert Benson, Dan Cole, Albert Cross, Robert Davis, Howard Emery, Rex Martin, Ed Mason, William Mason, Dickie Mason.

Special numbers:
Blackface dance team "Darktown Strutters Ball," Charlotte Schultz, William Mason.
Blackface dance team "Me and My Shadow," Sandra Martin, Adelaide Emery.

"Daddy Won't You Please Come Home," Alicia Emery.
Song "Honey Chiles," Rex Martin, Bill Mason, Dan Cole.

Song "Finding the Last Chord," Charlotte Schultz, Adelaide Emery, Stuart Farnum, Leona LaValley, Louise LaValley, Oren Mason.

Song "Make Love Me," Denise Noyes, Elaine Cushman, Shirley Crockett, Doris Brooks, Evelyn Bean, Eva Harlow, Pearl Farrington.

Skit "Two Coons in a Wreck," Howard Emery, Rex Martin.
Skit "Black Clouds," Sandra Martin, Jackie Rich.

Skit "Mush and Poke Undertakers," Dan Cole, Robert Davis, Barton Twirling Led by Carolyn Dean, Annette Hilton.

Tap Dancing Groups Led by Nancy Denney.

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New York, New York

On the 31st day of December 1953

made to the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York

ASSETS

Bonds	\$22,777,297.00
Stocks	20,282,461.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	3,064,281.82
Agents' Balances or Uncollected Premiums	2,885,480.87
Other Assets	5,740,458.03
Total Assets	\$55,557,965.84

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$4,000,573.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	400,000.00
Unearned Premiums	23,119,170.00
Taxes	960,000.00
All Other Liabilities	5,653,781.23
Total Liabilities	\$37,431,371.53

Special Surplus Funds Voluntary Reserve

Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit

Unassigned Funds (Surplus)

Surplus as Regards Policyholders

Total

ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE

U. S. Branch

111 John St.

New York 20, N. Y.

On the 31st day of December 1953

made to the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Maine

ASSETS

Bonds	\$3,125,261.23
Stocks	1,125,172.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	956,282.37
Agents' Balances or Uncollected Premiums	528,023.31
Other Assets	308,645.47
Total Assets	\$11,025,965.83

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$1,007,570.35
Loss Adjustment Expenses	105,408.26
Unearned Premiums	5,190,114.83
Taxes	1,125,172.00
All Other Liabilities	309,013.32
Total Liabilities	\$7,411,961.56

Statutory Deposit

Unassigned Funds (Surplus)

Surplus as Regards Policyholders

Total

GENERAL INSURANCE

Bethel, Maine

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Partial List of Companies

PAWTUCKET MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Pawtucket, R. I.

On the 31st day of December 1953

made to the State of Maine

ASSETS

Bonds	\$4,618,673.93
Stocks	1,558,206.00
Real Estate Owned	129,000.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	8,530.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	502,407.25
Agents' Balances or Uncollected Premiums	375,882.67
Other Assets	23,121.31
Total Assets	\$7,245,920.51

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	\$1,007,570.35
Loss Adjustment Expenses	105,408.26
Unearned Premiums	5,190,114.83
Taxes	1,125,172.00
All Other Liabilities	309,013.32
Total Liabilities	\$7,411,961.56

Statutory Deposit

Unassigned Funds (Surplus)

Surplus as Regards Policyholders

Total

HOME FIRE & MARINE INS. CO. OF CAL.

San Francisco, California

On the 31st day of December 1953

made to the Department of Insurance of the State of Maine

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THE FIRE AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT

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Hartford, Connecticut

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INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NORTH AMERICA
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Insurance Commission-
er of the State of Pennsylvania

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$82,634,571.95
Stocks	70,919,573.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	10,147,775.83
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	11,542,875.14
Other Assets	2,893,938.06
Total Assets	\$178,138,783.98
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for	
Losses	\$64,058,212.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	8,458,500.00
Unearned Premiums	46,032,832.00
Taxes	4,246,660.57
All Other Liabilities	3,588,890.31
Total Liabilities	\$126,335,154.31
Special Surplus Funds	\$30,803,579.67
Capital Paid Up or Statutory	
Deposit	5,000,000.00
Unassigned Fund (Surplus)	20,000,000.00
Surplus as Regards Policy- holders	\$51,809,579.67
Total	\$178,138,783.98

MERCHANTS AND FARMERS
MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
6 Harvard Street
Worcester, Massachusetts
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Insurance Department
of the State of Massachusetts

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$697,451.24
Stocks	37,293.00
Real Estate Owned	47,397.44
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	5,500.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	74,117.81
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	57,840.08
Other Assets	8,361.62
Total Assets	\$928,261.19
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for	
Losses	\$17,838.50
Loss Adjustment Expenses	1,289.01
Unearned Premiums	475,682.10
Taxes	14,165.32
All Other Liabilities	5,431.26
Total Liabilities	\$514,707.02
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	\$413,554.17
Surplus as Regards Policy- holders	\$413,554.17
Total	\$928,261.19

THE LONDON ASSURANCE
(U. S. Branch)
89 John Street
New York, New York
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Insurance Department
of the State of Maine

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$11,863,847.87
Stocks	7,538,840.09
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,744,266.11
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	1,161,716.07
Other Assets	632,634.37
Total Assets	\$22,341,894.42
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for	
Losses	\$2,788,175.02
Loss Adjustment Expenses	186,033.43
Unearned Premiums	8,570,628.17
Taxes	385,874.00
All Other Liabilities	951,644.24
Total Liabilities	\$12,883,255.46
Capital Paid Up or Statutory	
Deposit	\$500,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	\$838,638.06
Surplus as Regards Policy- holders	\$9,458,638.06
Total	\$22,341,894.42

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FITCHBURG MUTUAL FIRE
INSURANCE COMPANY
Fitchburg, Massachusetts
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Insurance Department
of the State of Maine

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$676,150.00
Stocks	125,843.00
Real Estate Owned	70,000.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	617,514.77
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	97,631.78
Other Assets	7,828.69
Total Assets	\$1,594,968.24
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for	
Losses	\$36,700.23
Loss Adjustment Expenses	5,200.00
Unearned Premiums	872,793.00
Taxes	26,976.23
All Other Liabilities	11,298.80
Total Liabilities	\$932,974.37
Special Surplus Funds	\$6,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	635,993.87
Surplus as Regards Policy- holders	\$641,993.87
Total	\$1,594,968.24

VERMONT MUTUAL FIRE
INSURANCE COMPANY
Montpelier, Vermont
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Insurance Department
of the State of Maine

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$1,038,375.53
Stocks	136,171.00
Real Estate Owned	138,088.01
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	308,433.95
Cash and Bank Deposits	646,633.62
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	237,745.41
Other Assets	17,287.47
Total Assets	\$3,177,735.59
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for	
Losses	\$180,071.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	9,797.07
Unearned Premiums	1,828,721.64
Taxes	80,600.11
All Other Liabilities	14,821.16
Total Liabilities	\$2,073,911.88
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	\$1,103,824.01
Surplus as Regards Policy- holders	\$1,103,824.01
Total	\$3,177,735.59

MIDDLESEX MUTUAL FIRE
INSURANCE COMPANY
Concord, Massachusetts
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Commissioners of the
State of Maine

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$5,068,196.00
Stocks	1,710,068.53
Real Estate Owned	308,030.06
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	107,538.32
Cash and Bank Deposits	519,951.36
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	439,813.70
Other Assets	97,432.07
Total Assets	\$9,166,679.11
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for	
Losses	\$245,001.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	23,988.01
Unearned Premiums	5,911,783.30
Taxes	144,231.45
All Other Liabilities	64,399.73
Total Liabilities	\$6,395,403.50
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	4,777,274.73
Surplus as Regards Policy- holders	\$4,777,274.73
Total	\$9,166,679.11

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ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE
London, England
U. S. Branch
111 John St., New York 38, N. Y.
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Commissioner of Insur-
ance of the State of Maine

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$8,125,504.25
Stocks	1,125,173.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	950,532.87
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	328,022.31
Other Assets	303,045.47
Total Assets	\$11,025,996.93
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for	
Losses	\$1,667,376.20
Loss Adjustment Expenses	105,463.50
Unearned Premiums	5,188,114.65
Taxes	133,919.81
All Other Liabilities	386,023.23
Total Liabilities	\$7,484,897.39
Statutory Deposit	\$500,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	\$3,041,099.55
Surplus as Regards Policy- holders	\$3,541,099.55
Total	\$11,025,996.93

FIRE ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
on the 31st day of December 1953
made to the Insurance Commission-
er of the State of Pennsylvania

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$35,419,375.14
Stocks	31,237,228.18
Real Estate Owned	2,412,517.09
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	68,710.16
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,987,230.67
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	3,974,097.87
Other Assets	1,618,661.48
Total Assets	\$69,791,424.25
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for	
Losses	\$8,000,100.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	487,727.09
Unearned Premiums	29,679,361.83
Taxes	1,328,590.00
All Other Liabilities	1,798,819.77
Total Liabilities	\$40,995,458.69
Special Surplus Funds	\$118,037.71
Capital Paid Up or Statutory	
Deposit	\$1,000,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	23,176,937.84
Surplus as Regards Policy- holders	\$24,655,937.85
Total	\$69,791,424.25

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY
OF AMERICA
New York, New York
on the 31st day of December 1953

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$33,931,181.53
Stocks	11,809,785.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,930,610.16
Agents Balances or Uncollected	
Premiums	2,014,833.25
Other Assets	383,991.18
Total Assets	\$49,365,400.84
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for	
Losses	\$13,596,230.00
Loss Adjustment Expenses	1,316,663.00
Unearned Premiums	25,607,713.11
Taxes	2,821,106.03
All Other Liabilities	903,802.08
Total Liabilities	\$44,345,514.19
Special Surplus Funds	\$990,802.53
Capital Paid Up	\$,000,000.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	18,903,996.12
Surplus as Regards Policy- holders	\$21,895,898.65
Total	\$69,302,408.84

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Years Ago

15 YEARS AGO
The West Paris branch of the Parle Manufacturing Co. which had been idle for 15 years was purchased by the Lionel Corporation of Irvington, N. J.

Ralph Young was president of the Bethel Band, and Earl Davis, secretary and treasurer.

Deaths: Mrs. Ella Avery, Robert T. Pratt, Joseph Robinson.

20 YEARS AGO
Trucking was at a standstill owing to the unsettled condition of the roads.

Bethel's basketball team played at Errol, N. H.

Sixty youths were honorably discharged from the Wild River CCC Camp.

25 YEARS AGO
The general contract for the proposed new dormitory for girls, Gould Academy, was awarded to A. P. Warren and Son, of Auburn.

Mrs. Florence Hale of the State Educational Department spoke in the assembly room at Gould Academy. She came to Bethel under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Plans were underway to build a new fire station at Rumford.

Deaths: Mrs. Calvin Cummings.

45 YEARS AGO
Wallace Warren completed a three year apprenticeship with A. O. Frost, Blacksmith.

He was awarded from Songs Pond as late as April 1st.

Deaths: W. Tom Warren.

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Rev. Robert H. Harper
Betsey and Crucifixion.
Lesson for April 11: John 19: 17-30.
Golden Text: John 12: 32.

By an extreme of cruelty, Jesus was made to bear his heavy cross toward Golgotha. At one point on the dreadful road, Jesus fell beneath the weight and it was laid upon Simon of Cyrene.

Above the head of Jesus, in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, was placed the inscription, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. The inscription was evidently placed there in mockery of the Jews and in irony of their subjugation under Rome. Pilate had written more truly than he knew. The one in whom he had found no fault, but delivered to be crucified, was destined to become the universal King. We find in the incident an illustration of the irreparable nature of man's deeds. So often can a man erase what he has written. When the Jews asked Pilate to change the inscription, he replied, "What I have written, I have written."

The insidious and cruel nature of gambling is seen in the fact that the Roman soldiers cast lots for the seamless robe of the dying man hanging on a cross above them.

In the last hour, Jesus honored his mother and made provision for her in days to come. To the loving John he gave the care of his mother and from that hour the disciple took Mary into his own home. So, thereafter Jesus said, "It is finished," bowed his head and died. May all of us find life and joy through the great sacrifice he made.

A moderate decline in business activity, coming from natural and obvious causes, need go no further if it is met willfully and intelligently by those best able to meet it—the business community." —New York World-Telegram

PROBATE APPOINTMENTS

The following subscribers hereby give notice that they have received the appointments as indicated from the Probate Court of Oxford County. All persons having demands against the estates represented by them are desired to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereto are requested to make payments immediately.

Arthur C. Gibbs, late of Bethel, deceased; Richard L. Davis of Bethel, Administrator with bond. March 26, 1954.

William J. Greig, late of Bethel, deceased; Mary Greig of Bethel, Executrix without bond. Feb. 23, 1954.

STATE OF MAINE
To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: As a Probate Court held at Paris in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, from day to day from the third Tuesday of said March. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel Citizen, a newspaper published at Bethel in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of April A. D. 1954, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Lois E. Kimball, late of Albany, deceased; First Admstr. presented for allowance by Marie E. Kimball, administratrix.

William, Stephen C. Hayes Judge of said Court at Paris, the third Tuesday of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

15 EARLIER CLEARED REGISTER

LOOKING AHEAD

by George S. Benson

Ball and Chain Debt

Debts than hang on are like a ball and chain around anyone's neck. This is true with the individual, the family, the business, and with local, county, state and national government. As this column is written, the Finance Director of our Arkansas state government has just announced that by 1970 the last \$100,000,000 of our state highway debt will be paid off. When the last bond is redeemed on that date, there probably will be a statewide celebration and every man, woman and child will have a great sigh of relief. The state will have broken its chains of debt.

Arkansas' borrowing to build highways would have been all right had it been kept within reasonable bounds and had the money been spent wisely, without political considerations. But it wasn't. The big borrowing started nearly 30 years ago. First one governor and then another discovered the political magic of floating bonds to get things done without having immediately to tax the people for it. The money was spent loosely and sometimes with political design rather than wisdom.

Nose to Grindstone.

Quickly our state was \$150,000,000 in debt. When unexpected hard times came, Arkansas defaulted—it couldn't meet the terms of its debt contract, and for a short time the bondholders were in serious jeopardy. The temporary injury to the state affected the welfare of every citizen. Then, 15 years ago, Arkansas refunded its high-ways-bonded debt and began a stiff program of debt liquidation. But

under this program our debt service has been so heavy (interest and principal payments) we haven't been able to keep pace with the wear and tear on our highways.

That's why our citizens can look ahead with unbounded gladness to 1970 and the throwing off of the ball and chain of this debt. With our bonded debt out of the way, the tax revenues thus released can be used to improve our highway system, instead of for debt payments, and this return to pay-as-you-go will have a wholesome effect throughout the whole structure of our governmental services.

The Federal Debt
Our debt situation in Arkansas is a microscopic example of some aspects of a truly grave national problem, the rising federal debt. It has become a ball and chain around our nation's neck. It is affecting the full freedom of every citizen. The national debt now stands at \$275-billion. And yet Congress is being asked to raise the statutory limit so that the federal government can borrow new money and spend it—and postpone the day when taxpayers must pay and pay through the nose.

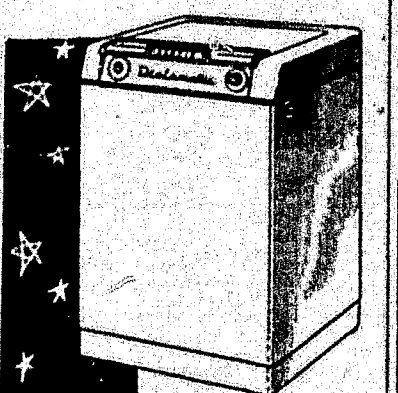
The \$275-billion national debt averages an obligation of \$4,250 on every job holder in the USA. And it must be paid in taxes. Not only that, but the interest, the cost of

borrowing, must be paid in taxes. The interest now amounts to about \$7-billion each 12 months, which is more than the entire federal government cost us as recently as 1933. Also each 12 months, about \$60-billion is needed to redeem the debts coming due; and this must be borrowed. With the debt climbing, it is an endless cycle. It all adds up to frenzied financing.

Must Halt Borrowing
The sensible thing to do about the national debt is, I think, not to permit it to be raised and to institute a program for gradually cutting it down out of current tax revenue. This would mean reducing the \$65-billion 1954-55 budget proposed by the Administration by just 5 per cent. Is this too much for the citizenry to ask of Congress—that 5 per cent be cut from the \$65-billion budget? Of course not!

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Brownie Troop 5 enjoyed a cooking meeting. We made peanut butter and chocolate fudge and ate it. We all had a touch of Spring Fever, so we did not accomplish much. Our meeting next week will be a surprise to us.—Nancy Brown, Reporter.

BORN

In Rumford, April 4, to Mr and Mrs Willis Brooke of Newry, a daughter.

MARRIED

At Winter Harbor, April 5, Pvt Raymond York of Bethel and Mrs Evelyn Clark of Winter Harbor.

DIED

In Lewiston, April 6, Robert M Lord of Bethel, aged 46 years.

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This Ye

Nine people died in motor vehicle accidents during the first four months of 1954, compared with 15 deaths during the same period in 1953, and bringing the total for the first four months to 25—five under the first three months of 1953.

The following table shows the number of motor vehicle accidents during the first four months of 1954 compared with the same period in 1953:

Total persons killed 9

Total fatal accidents 9

Total pedestrians killed 1

Personal injury accidents 1

Persons injured 1

Property damage accidents 1

For the first time in 1954—four years went through an entire year without a pedestrian death.

Way victims last year were killed in four passenger cars, two of which were rural.

ing listed as the principal cause of the deaths.

Although the number of fatalities for the first four months of 1954 is the lowest yet for the war years, the fact that there is only one fatality between the first four months of 1954 and the same period in 1953 is significant.

Males to make any reduction from last year's highway deaths, this of the first three months continued through the tally months just are gain effected during the first four months of 1954 is a step in the right direction. However, traffic rules, especially speed laws, a fatality rate scoring of increase in the volume adds to the danger of year. Please drive

PURITY CHAPTER, REGULAR MEETING

Purity Chapter, OES, regular meeting Wednesday, April 7, preceded by a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. served by Lida Tikan, Bennett, Viola Luster, Brown, June Greig, as Mother by Harriet and Ada Cummings. Purers worked the degree.

The Worthy Matron, announced the following to work on the anniversary, June 5th: Cummings, Gertrude B. Blabbe, Doris Bryan, Noyes, Grace Philbro, Mrs. Annie Hastings, from, Pauline Chast, Mrs. June Greig, Eva, freshments—Helen R. Merrill, Elizabeth Rey, line Dexter, Cynthia M. del Carter, Marie B. Wilson, Rachel MacKa, Chapman, Marguerite K. Bryant, Dorothy York, Robert, Ethel Roberts, Back, Helen, P. Dining Room—Lucile, Patricia Bennett, Iva, Betty Anderson, Ruth, Darrell, Viola Luster, T. Matron will act as Gen. man. It was voted to Grand Officers to do tory at that time.

The Ways and Means the annual election of the following were elected: Rachel MacKay; dent, Elsie Waldron; Treasurer, Helen Runne; Mattee to purchase dr the hall was appointed June Greig, Helen Mor, els Bennett and Rache.

It was voted to serve baked bean supper Saturday, April 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the dining hall. Pre be used as a special fund-raising.

The Week

Phyllis J. Dragonas, N Gould Academy and George J. of the faculty Academy were among attended the Northeastern on Foreign Language University. Pro 1 during last week end.

Lloyd Tucker was elected for Mexico to replace MacKinnon, deceased. T took place at a special meeting Saturday.

Four fire departments ed a test call from Heb forum Sunday morning. It as follows: Mechanic miles, 11 minutes; Hebron 11 minutes; South Paris, 19 minutes; Norway, 15 minutes.

The Legislative Resear mites meeting at the St. 15 Augusta was faced arguments against closing Sanatorium. Rev. Charle